■SHE. MINISTER OF STATE. OJf THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) Out of 17 PTC owned and P.O. buses deployed on Route No. 157, five P. O. buses have been withdrawn by their owners by terminating the arrangements with DTC. The DTC has since put in its own two buses on this route to meet traffic demand. Additionally, the services of Route No. 166, which has a. frequency of 10/20 minutes and which runs from Shalimar Bagh to Palika Kendra via Ashok Vihar also eatery to the commuters.

(d) There is no limited stop service provided on route No. 157.

Mortality rate in the developing countries

1846. SHRI. MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to, state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ac cording to study by the U.S Gov ernment released during the 1st week of April, 1387, nearly 240 miL lion children in the developing coun tries face death before year 2000 A.D. unless mortality rates are lowe red in these countries;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government: in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) to (c) Government) of India have not received the report.

However, the steps taken by Government to reduce child mortality include improvement of' health infrastructure, training of health manpower, health education, adoption «£ risk approach, universal immuni sation of children, control of diar. rhoeal diseases prophylaxis against nutritional anaemia and supplementary nutrition under the ICDS Scheme.

Tenders for transfer of technology in telecommunications

1847. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRA-TAP SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICAT-ONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the foreign companies which have res-ponder to the tenders floated by Government for thg transfer of technology in telecommunications in 1938 and 1987;

(b) what is the date of issue of tender invitations in each such case;

(c) what is the contract value, date or order, name of the foreign company and nature of technology and transfer period involved in each such deal in case Government have placed order on any of these companies of signed memorandum of understanding (MOU) with them;

(d) what are the details in the case of each of the nine tenders floated in 1985 where orders have been placed or MOU signed; and

(e) what will be the phased indi genous production programme with the help of, such technology transfer in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICA. TIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV); (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Shortage **of** beds **in Delhi hospitals**

1848. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the number of beds available for patients in each of **the** Government hospitals in **Delhi;**